

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

On page 10, delete lines 1 and 2, and insert:

-- Abstract Of The Disclosure--.

On page 10, line 4, delete "is described".

On page 10, delete line 13.

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, original claims 1-7 and substitute claims 1-7, in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE98/02407, and adds new claims 8-14. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

The amendments to the specification and abstract are to conform the specification and abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules, and do not introduce new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE98/02407 includes an International Search Report, dated February 15, 1999, a copy of which is included. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were considered by the Examiner in the underlying PCT application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE98/02407 also includes an International Preliminary Examination Report, dated February 21, 2000, a copy of which is included, including a translation.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious,  
and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully  
requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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